

TO BEGIN AT THE BEGINNING

My own horror was as nothing to that of my parents, as we surveyed the room that had been allotted me. Three storeys high, in Mallory Court at Magdalene. Things hadn't looked good on the way up. It wasn't the peeling paint so much. It was the prone body of my presumed neighbour, already drunk out of his mind at mid-day, that we had to step over on the stairs. Then inside my room the impression was dismal: a sticky carpet, one ghastly armchair with a hole in the arm, a tiny bed with, strangely, a coiled rope beneath it. I laughed - "That's probably the fire escape." It *was* the fire escape, to be tied to a leg of the bed and thrown out of the window in the case of emergency.

I hope that, for those of you arriving, your first experience of College is somewhat more inviting. These days, far more is done to welcome you and settle you in. Nevertheless, the first few weeks can be a daunting prospect, especially if you have not lived away from home before. There is a great deal of information thrown at you, that needs to be processed, even before you attend your first lecture. My mother, before I came up, sat me down and made sure I knew my table etiquette - but that hardly prepared me for the parallel world I was to encounter of strange customs, Latin graces, gowns, chapels, processions and formalities that makes up Cambridge life.

Your great ally here is Patience. You may have lain awake on your first night - you may still be laying awake at night - wondering what you are doing here. I certainly did. In time, all will become clear. In time, you will acclimatise, become familiar with the layout of the University and its rhythms. Most importantly, you will make new friends, friends you will keep for the rest of your life and who will take you to the ends of the earth. The problem with Patience is that it needs time; and time takes time. Be Patient. Gradually God will reveal his purpose to you, you will see your path more clearly, you will understand what Cambridge can do for you, and how you can flourish here.

But only gradually. Have patience. And in the meantime - enjoy!

*Fr Mark, Sr Ann and Fr Philip welcome you all to Fisher House,
and look forward to meeting you.*



FISHER HOUSE NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11 October—28th of the Year

CALENDAR - TERM WEEK I

Sunday 11	TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass
	11.00	Sung English Mass: <i>Freshers' Mass</i>
Monday 12	12.30	Mass
Tuesday 13	1.05	Mass <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>
Wednesday 14	1.05	Mass
	12.30	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Thursday 15	1.05	Mass <i>St Theresa of Avila</i>
Friday 16	1.05	Mass
	7.30	Mass (& 'Crumbs')
Saturday 17	1.05	<i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>
		Mass in Extraordinary Form (Tridentine)
	4.30—5.30	<i>Confessions</i>
	6.00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday 18	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
	9.00	Sung Latin Mass
	11.00	Sung English Mass

FR MARK LANGHAM - SR ANN SWAILES OP - FR PHILIP MOLLER SJ
Also in residence: FR JOE INGUANEZ

NEW ARRIVALS

We welcome Fr Philip Moller SJ as assistant chaplain. Fr Philip is commencing a PhD at St John's, and will be living at Fisher House. Fr Joe Inguanez will be living with us until Christmas, while he studies at St Edmund's.

FACEBOOK & WEBSITE

Keep up to date with announcements on the Fisher Society Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/fishersociety/ - and don't forget the Fisher House website, with its useful calendar of events www.srcf.ucam.org/fisherhouse

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Meets Fridays at 6.00pm in the Fisher Room, helping those in Cambridge less fortunate than ourselves. Contact Fiona Doherty (ftd21).

EXTRAORDINARY FORM

The EF (Tridentine) Mass is celebrated on Saturday sat 1.05pm.

CONSECRATED LIFE

Sr Ann has arranged a 'round table' for you to hear from different traditions of religious orders, and learn something of their charism. Thursday 22 October, 8.00pm in the Fisher Room.

CONCERT

The Fisher Consort will hold a concert in the Chapel on Saturday 24 October, at 7.30pm

CATHOLICISM FOR THE CURIOUS

A series of talks over lunch on Mondays, given by Fr Mark in the Fisher Room at 1.15, on a range of topics to do with Catholicism. This week: *Answering Atheism*.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Study 1 Tim 2:8-15 with Fr Bruno OP, beginning Thursday 15 October in the library.

ALTAR SERVERS

This is one of the most important ministries at the chaplaincy. If you would like to serve at Sunday or weekday Mass, please sign up outside the chapel or contact Natalia Deja (nad35) or James Munro (jpm82).

DOMINICAN NOVICES

There are six new novices at Blackfriars, and they will join us for 1.05pm Mass on Thursday.

REFUGEE CRISIS

A cheque from Fisher House has been sent to *Secours Catholique*, for £1508. Thank you so much for your generosity.

DANTE SOCIETY

An informal discussion and reading of Dante, especially aimed at beginners, under the expert guidance of Prof. Robin Kirkpatrick. First meeting Tuesday 20 October, 7.30pm Great Chamber, on: *Dante the Great Hater*.

REGISTRATION FORM

If you are new to Fisher House, in any capacity, please fill in the registration form outside the chapel, and leave it in the box, give it to a chaplain, or post it through the letter box.

LUNCH

is available in the Fisher Room every weekday during term, for £1.50. This week lunch is FREE FOR FRESHERS!

BLACK SWAN BAR

On Friday nights, Fisher House reverts to its former identity, and the bar opens in the Fisher Room. All are welcome. From 8.30pm

FISHER SOCIETIES' FAIR

This Friday, at the Black Swan bar, at 8.30pm the chaplaincy societies will be present for you to learn about what goes on. FIRST DRINK FREE FOR FRESHERS.

GRADUATE DRINKS

On Wednesday at 8.00pm, there will be drinks for Catholic Graduates in the Great Chamber (reached via the library). We have a busy programme of events for the Grad-Soc - come and hear from Michael and Basia what is in store!

SUNDAY LUNCH

Following the 11.00 Mass next Sunday, lunch will be provided by the Fisher Committee. Free for Freshers.

ENGLISH MASS CHOIR

Singing at the 11.00 Mass on Sundays, with a practice on Sunday mornings at 10.00. New members always welcome. Contact Stephen Bick (sb982)

SCHOLA CANTORUM

Providing Gregorian chant and polyphony for the 9.00 Latin Mass each Sunday. New members always welcome. Contact Nic Walker (nghw2)

FRIDAY NIGHT CHOIR

If you are a singer or instrumentalist and would like to help in the Friday evening Mass, please contact Stephen Bick (sb982).

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

A one-day course of marriage preparation will be held at Fisher House on Saturday 21 November. Please contact Fr Mark (ml709) if you are interested in taking part.

QUIZ NIGHT

Come and measure your skills against some of the greatest minds in the country - at least as many of them as make it to Fisher House. Friday 23 October, 8.30pm, Black Swan Bar.

COLLECTION LAST WEEK

£422.72

Thank you!